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CLERK: None.

PRESIDENT: Well, before we move then to consideration of bills on General File, let's see, we haven't anything bracketed for today. So we would begin with LB 22. Before we do that, just a second, I have seated in the south balcony this afternoon. We have 21 students from the Kindergarten through the Fourth Grade from the Otoe Public Schools, Otoe, Nebraska and there is three adults with them. Their teacher is Rildah Royal and they are from Senator Cal Carsten's district and we regret that Senator Carsten is ill. Apparently, he has the flu and we are sorry that he isn't here to welcome you but we are delighted to have you here today and I speak on behalf of the Unicameral body to say, welcome to the chamber and to Nebraska's Capitol City and, also, to the Capitol Building which still ranks as one of the ten architectural achievements of the world. Now, Senator Syas, for what purpose would you like to be recognized.

SENATOR SYAS: I just want to ask you a question.

PRESIDENT: Go ahead, sir.

SENATOR SYAS: I notice there is only about 25 or 26 here, so I was asking you, is there still...could we use the afternoon so it won't be wasted for noncontroversial bills, if there are any. I don't know if Senator Proud got through all the noncontroversial bills the other day, or not, but I don't see how we can get into controversy here with 26 Senators.

PRESIDENT: We have 36 members here, Senator, just for your information, but I am looking for my list of noncontroversial bills.

SENATOR SYAS: I've got one I can give you.

PRESIDENT: We may have exhausted that. Senator, I don't think they trust you.

SENATOR SYAS: They may not trust me but it really is non-controversial.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Syas has the floor.

SENATOR SYAS: No. I'm just asking the question...Senator Proud was here...I think the other day we got about half way through the list and I assume there is still some more, and I don't know what else we can do. Now, if any of you other fellows that have any bright ideas, let's have them. At least, I had an idea. Well, it may not be too bright but it's an idea. It's better than sitting there like a... should I say what.

PRESIDENT: Steady. All right. Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, we have several Retirement Systems bills which I feel are noncontroversial that could be put up any time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney, would you send that list up with us...to us please? We had it the other day and I am sorry, I misplaced it and I also had the other list here and apparently it has been misplaced. Senator Carpenter, for what purpose did you...

SENATOR CARPENTER: May I make the ridiculous suggestion that we start at the bottom of General File and work the other way. There are a lot of bills that are noncontroversial. Somebody objects, pass them over and get the one we can pass. Now this is an unusual request but it might work.